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SOCIAL SERVICES WEBSITE NOW LISTS NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING HOMES

HICKORY — Catawba County Social Services has recently posted on its Web site a guide to assisted living and nursing homes located in the county. The list is designed to assist persons needing long-term care for themselves or loved ones.

Social Services employees frequently help persons making this important choice. The new list provides the name of each facility, along with the number of beds, the population served, whether it has a licensed special care unit, the method of payment accepted, a telephone number, address and photo. It also provides a link to the facility's Web site, if it has one.

Social Services is responsible for monitoring assisted living facilities in the county to make sure they comply with state regulations. The new list does not recommend specific facilities, but it does provide information so that people can easily identify those homes that meet their needs.

"We recognize that many people do not have all the information they need when they start the process of selecting a nursing home or assisted living facility," said Rodney Franklin, Adult Services supervisor. "We feel this online list will provide a quick way for people to get started on their search for an appropriate facility. We recommend that anyone considering a nursing home or assisted living placement for themselves or a loved one visit several of the facilities and do some comparison shopping. Our staff is here to help if you need additional information."

The new list of long-term care facilities may be found at
<http://www.catawbacountync.gov/dss/Adult/AdultCareHomes.asp>.